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## Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, 14 December, 1885.

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[Abstract:] Relative to Bars from Kansas City Smelting Co. being wet.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, December 14, 1885

Dear Sir

The Bars from the Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co. are different from any other Silver Bars received at this mint. They are spongy and not solid. They are more like compressed silver. If they were solid there would be no objection to them. For after melting they are very good silver after heating them almost red hot to dry them they will lose more in melting than other silver we receive. Proving that we cannot dry the water out of them by any method we have at the mint. If they are properly melted before being bro't to the Mint there will be no objection to them. If they are to be received by the Mint there is no security from loss to the government but by melting; and if the bars are unfit to be received but by melting the difficulty is in the bars and the parties sending shd. bear the expense.

Very Respectfully, H.S. Cochran Weigh Clerk

Hon. Danl. M. Fox Superintendent U.S. Mint Phila.